

Hitler and Tojo, Too, Claimed to Be Bulwarks Against Communism

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Communist China were admitted. He then told the Senators that the United Nations was "essential because global war is now unthinkable as a result of the development of new and devastating weapons." He added a remarkably non-ideological argument. He said it was not wise "to tie our hands irrevocably" in advance against admission of Communist China. "Just think back to 1945," he went on, "when Germany was our deadly enemy; who could then have foreseen that in only a few years it would become a friendly associate?"

The Next Hiroshimas May Be Closer Home

To argue that we ought not to tie our hands in advance against admission of Communist China to the UN because national alliances may shift was to imply that some turn of events might make us allies instead of enemies. Indeed this is what happened in 1941 with Russia. The main talking point of the Nazis in Europe and of the Japanese military in Asia was that "private enterprise" could not survive unless Communism were destroyed. But when it came to the crunch Nazi Germany made an alliance with Stalin and first struck at the West while the Japanese at their end of the Axis hit not at the Soviet Union but at Western possessions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific as far as Pearl Harbor. German and Japanese expansionism were only defeated by an alliance between Western Capitalism and the Soviet Union, with the aid of the Communist resistance movements all over Asia. The anti-Communism of Berlin and Tokyo proved only a smoke-screen to hide their own imperialist aims. It is a pity we do not recall this now as we urge Japan to

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How Freedom Escalates In Thailand

"Bangkok—Thailand's Constituent Assembly has deleted an article in the new constitution, now being drafted, which would have guaranteed unrestricted press freedom. The article, rejected by 82 votes to 3, would have prohibited the government from closing newspapers or placing them under censorship except in wartime, during a state of emergency, or under martial law. It would also have prevented the government from subsidizing newspapers. Official sources say the article will not be replaced."

—The Times (London) December 15.

follow West Germany's example and rearm. For those arms may again be turned against us. The tight island is far more likely to burst its bounds again than the vast mass of China. The nuclear weapons we are urging on Japan may some day fall upon us.

Unless Eisenhower can be persuaded to recover his cool, his stand may deprive the country of any choice in 1968 and the party of the only issue on which it can win the coming election. He disavows any ambition to be a kingmaker. But he serves notice that he will try to veto any peace candidate. By singling out Romney—the nearest equivalent to a dove among the main contenders—for disapproval, Eisenhower must chill even an equivocal position on the war. This would shut the door on any attempt to repeat the party's strategy in 1952 and pledge itself to "do an Eisenhower in Vietnam" as he himself did by making peace in Korea. Now Eisenhower speaks instead in the Holy War accents of John Foster Dulles and blows the bugle for ever widening war in Asia. Is this the course Johnson has secretly charted? Is it he who got Eisenhower to enlist?

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